



Sakai Newsletter

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1. From the Executive Director

Greetings,

Another friendly reminder that registration is open for the 10th Sakai Conference (<https://educonference.com/sakai/boston/index.php>) to be held July 8-10, 2009 at the Hyatt Cambridge, Cambridge, Massachusetts. With the URL provided you can register for the conference, submit a proposal, and make your hotel reservation. Vijay Kumar, author of "Opening Up Education," will be our keynote speaker.

The deadlines to keep in mind are as follows:

April 10, 2009 -- Deadline for submitting proposals

June 5, 2009 -- Deadline for early bird (discounted) registration for the conference.

Register now!

June 5, 2009 -- Deadline for hotel reservations at the Sakai rate

You can register or submit proposals at:

<https://educonference.com/sakai/boston/index.php>

We look forward to seeing you at the conference in July!

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2. The Etudes Users' Summit is Only Three Weeks Away!

The Summit is scheduled for Thursday April 23 and Friday, 24, 2009, at the Doubletree Hotel @ LAX. If you plan to attend, please register as soon as possible to help us better plan room accommodations for the event, meals, etc., and have adequate goodies (i.e., t-shirts, tote bags, etc.) for all of you!

Dr. Charles Severance will kick off the event on Thursday, April 23, 2009, with the Summit's theme: "Celebrating the Magic of Teachers."

Topics on the Summit Agenda include, but are not limited to, show and tell sessions and presentations on best practices, as well as roundtable discussions where participants will exchange ideas on successes and challenges of the online classroom environment and teaching with Etudes (our Sakai brand). Etudes members and non-members alike will appreciate the interaction and exchanges. Attendees will also have opportunities to learn about the Etudes product, organization, and services.

For more information and to register, go to the Summit website:

<http://etudes.org/summit.htm>

We hope that you'll be able to join us and your colleagues on April 23 and 24!

Best,

Vivie Sinou

Executive Director, Etudes, Inc.

<http://etudes.org/>

3. Invitation to the 2nd European Sakai Conference

Stockholm University is proud to invite you to the 2nd European Sakai Conference, to be held in Stockholm, May 5-6, 2009. On May 4th, there will be a pre-conference workshop and a Programmer's Café, as well.

The location of the conference is Stockholm University main campus, Frescati. We'll start at lunchtime on May 5th, with a social event in the evening. We then continue the whole day of May 6, 2009. You will find the program and more information at: <http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/confluence/display/CNF/European+Regional+Conference+in+Stockholm+2009> There you will also find a link to the registration page. Note that there is no registration fee for this conference!

The conference coordinator is:

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4. Online Educa Berlin 2009 Call for Papers

Innovate, Share, Succeed -- This is the theme of ONLINE EDUCA BERLIN 2009. This year's agenda will be about your learning innovations, your expertise and the great ideas that will lead your organisation, company or school to success. By taking part in OEB, you will meet over 2200 colleagues and like-minded people from more than 90 countries.

This year's conference themes are now finalised and we look forward to receiving your suggestions and ideas for workshops, seminars, presentations, discussion and debates, demonstrations, best practice showcases and knowledge exchanges. We also have several exciting new formats -- Learning Cafés, Learnshops and Lab Sessions. Don't forget -- the deadline for submissions is April 30th!

<http://nl.xeu.de/j.cfm?i=371663&k=92046>

5. K1 RELEASE: sakai-kernel-1.0.4

I've released sakai-kernel-1.0.4 and updated the Sakai maven2 repo. 1.0.4 has been released in support of the upcoming sakai-2.6.0 release. The issues addressed by 1.0.4 can be reviewed in Jira:

<http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/jira/browse/KNL/fixforversion/11428>

Issues addressed by earlier releases can be reviewed at:

<http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/jira/browse/KNL?report=com.atlassian.jira.plugin.system.project:versions-panel>

MAVEN2 REPO

The maven2 repo includes the following new or refreshed artifacts:

<https://source.sakaiproject.org/maven2/org/sakaiproject/kernel/>

1.0.4

1.0.5-SNAPSHOT

1.1-SNAPSHOT

SVN

The 1.0.4 release has been tagged and the 2.6.x branch /master/ pom.xml file has been updated to bind to 1.0.5-SNAPSHOT. When the next 2.6.0 tag is cut (either beta04 or rc01) it will be bound to K1 1.0.4.

tag: <https://source.sakaiproject.org/svn/kernel/tags/kernel-1.0.4/>

KERNEL (K1) PROJECT INFO

Jira: <http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/jira/browse/KNL>

Confluence: [http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/confluence/display/REL/Kernel+1+\(K1\)](http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/confluence/display/REL/Kernel+1+(K1))

NOTICE: TRUNK/CONTRIB DEVELOPERS

Please refresh your local development environment.

1. MVN: Backup/delete the .m2/repository/org/sakaiproject/kernel of your repo
2. SVN: perform an svn update on sakai trunk code (this will pick up Sakai updates that complement the K1 updates)
3. MVN: perform a clean and install on your sakai trunk code to refresh your .m2 repo with updated kernel 1.1-SNAPSHOT artifacts.
4. Build and deploy to Tomcat.

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cd master
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```
mvn clean install
```

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cd ..
```

```
mvn clean install -Dmaven.test.skip=true sakai:deploy
```

Cheers,

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6. Call for Book Chapters

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit on or before March 31, 2009, a 2-3 page chapter proposal for the book, "Free and Open Source Software for E-Learning: Issues, Successes and Challenges," edited by Dr. Betül C. Özkan, University of Arizona South.

Introduction

Open source software describes programs whose source code is available under a copyright license so users can edit, change, and improve the software. Therefore, open source programs can be redistributed in modified or unmodified form. Free software is similar in concept to open source and it refers to the philosophy of freedoms users have on accessing and modifying the software.

Objectives of the Book

- Review open and free software that is used in E-Learning P-16
- Examine pedagogy behind FOSS (Free and Open Source) and how that is applied to E-Learning
- Discuss best practices for FOSS through examples/cases and provide guidelines for instructors and e-learning designers who like to use FOSS
- Discuss opportunities as well as challenges in the use of FOSS
- Discuss and project future trends for FOSS
- Examine ongoing FOSS e-learning projects

Proposal Submission Deadline: 3/31/2009

Full Chapters Due: 6/15/2009

For further details, please contact:

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7. Cernunnos Announces Release of Open Source, Reusable Libraries for Java

The Cernunnos Team, a group of developers from leading educational institutions and IT consulting companies, has announced the release of Cernunnos v1.1, the first major update release for Cernunnos that is now available to the general public. The new release includes 37 new features and enhancements, as well as numerous software fixes.

Cernunnos is an open source Java project that embodies software industry best practices

based on innovative design principals. Used frequently and extensively by institutions deploying the uPortal open source enterprise portal, it provides a number of programming libraries and templates that dramatically reduce time and effort in Java development by effectively promoting reuse in common programming tasks. Cernunnos is available as a free download from the project website address: <http://cernunnos.googlecode.com>.

Cernunnos version 1.1 highlights include:

- New ResourceHelper API for enhanced, uniform resource resolution among components
- New PojoTask for simpler Dependency Injection and better integration with Spring
- New Maven archetype for creating a webapp project that uses Cernunnos
- Support for automated definition of Servlets & Portlets
- Support for running Cernunnos operations from the `${CRN_HOME}/bin` directory
- Significant enhancements to exception feedback & troubleshooting
- Significant enhancements to the manual, including more and better examples, coverage of previously undocumented components and features
- Improvements to Maven build & dependency configuration

Cernunnos is ideal for Java developers who have more ambition than time. It allows them to boost their effectiveness and productivity well above traditional industry practices. Cernunnos effectively utilizes an innovative LEGO™-like building block design, which enables software code sections to be instantly joined together with other pieces of code without having to write any additional code to make them work together. For user documentation, examples, and an overview of features see the Cernunnos Manual online at <http://cernunnos.googlecode.com/svn/manual/index.html>.

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8. Job Opening: Johns Hopkins Distance Education Manager

Johns Hopkins University in Elkridge, Maryland has a position opening for a Distance Education Manager, req: 38825. For more information and to apply, please visit: https://hrnt.jhu.edu/jhujobs/job_search2.cfm

9. Unicon Offers SAIP Implementation Services for Oracle's PeopleSoft

Unicon, Inc. has announced its comprehensive implementation services offering for Oracle's PeopleSoft Enterprise Student Administration Integration Pack (SAIP). As a member of the Oracle Partner Network, Unicon provides a complete range of

implementation services using SAIP to integrate PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions v9.0 with standards-based, major vendor-supplied, and open source learning management systems. Unicon also provides development and customization services between PeopleSoft and enterprise applications that do not conform to standards.

SAIP delivers a scalable, web services-based interface for sharing academic data and will help higher education institutions more efficiently integrate their various enterprise systems, streamline their business processes, and decrease their overall implementation and maintenance costs. Unicon's services for Oracle SAIP include:

- Implementation Planning
- Testing and Validation
- Activation and Configuration
- Custom Development for New Integrations

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10. Recent Email Group Discussions

[Using Sakai] [Management] Comments on the proposed dev model
<http://n2.nabble.com/Re%3A--Building-Sakai---Management--Comments-on-the-proposed-dev-model-tt2575683.html#a2575683>

[Announcements] Sakai Development Process & Product Council
<http://n2.nabble.com/Sakai-Development-Process---Product-Council-tt2537866.html#a2537866>

[Building Sakai] How to connect to database using Sakai'api
<http://n2.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--How-to-connect-to-database-using-Sakai%27api-tt2583612.html#a2583612>

[Building Sakai] How to uninstall a tool from Sakai ?
<http://n2.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--How-to-uninstall-a-tool-from-Sakai---tt2583915.html#a2583915>

[Building Sakai] FCKeditor upgrade - 2.6.4
<http://n2.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--FCKeditor-upgrade---2.6.4-tt2582787.html#a2582787>

[Building Sakai] How to get siteId from a SAKAI tool

<http://n2.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--How-to-get-siteId-from-a-SAKAI-tool-tt2582250.html#a2582250>

[Building Sakai] Melete2.6 with Sakai2.6
<http://n2.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Melete2.6-with-Sakai2.6-tt2582484.html#a2582484>

[Portfolio] OSP Reports
<http://n2.nabble.com/-Portfolio--OSP-Reports-tt2574962.html#a2574962>

[Portfolio] Nested group fields in forms
<http://n2.nabble.com/-Portfolio--Nested-group-fields-in-forms-tt2565289.html#a2565289>

[Portfolio] your input needed on matrix/wizard consolidation project
<http://n2.nabble.com/-Portfolio--your-input-needed-on-matrix-wizard-consolidation-project-tt2561887.html#a2561887>

[DG: Teaching & Learning] [DG: User Experience] Wiki's and Sakai
<http://n2.nabble.com/-DG%3A-Teaching---Learning--Wiki%27s-and-Sakai-tt2571527.html#a2571527>

[DG: User Experience] 3akai UX update
<http://n2.nabble.com/-DG%3A-User-Experience--3akai-UX-update-tt2531082.html#a2531082>

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<http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/confluence/display/CNF/European+Regional+Confere+in+Stockholm+2009>

eLearning Africa
May 27- 29, 2009
Le Meridien President
Dakar, Senegal
www.elearning-africa.com.

2009 MoodleMoot San Francisco and 2nd Sloan-C Symposium on Emerging Technology
in Online Learning
June 17-19, 2009
Hyatt Regency San Francisco
San Francisco, California
<http://moodlemoot.org/course/view.php?id=9>
<http://www.emergingonlinelearningtechnology.org/>

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Cambridge Hyatt
Cambridge, Massachusetts
<http://www.sakaiproject.org/portal/site/sakai-news/page/04ed2fa2-77e2-40da-8100-e0a08b9fea15>

Assessment Institute in Indianapolis
October 25-27, 2009
The Westin Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana
<http://www.planning.iupui.edu/institute>

Online Educa Berlin 2009
December 2-4, 2009
Hotel InterContinental Berlin
Berlin, Germany
<http://www.online-educa.com/the-conference>

Here are email addresses to contact if you encounter problems with various Sakai
Community systems:

Collab -- collab-admins@umich.edu
Confluence -- confluence-admins@collab.sakaiproject.org
Jira -- jira-admins@collab.sakaiproject.org